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Rev. R. S. Laws, pastor of the
Va. Ave. Baptist Church, is mak-
ing great head way with his new
church. When completed it will
be the largest and most handsome
church in South Washington.

In another column of this paper
will be found interesting statistics
of all the lodges in the world and
their increase from 1880. Mr. Saville
will also give the number of colored
lodges as soon as he prepares them.

The poem that was read by Rev.
Walter H. Brooks at the reception
tendered Mr. Douglass will be
found on our front page. It is
one of the finest poems that any
one wish to read. Rev. Brooks
read it with ease and eloquence.

Chase, of the BEE, is displaying
his fighting qualities with remark-
able ability, effectiveness and sud-
denness. Something dropped in
Washington last week with a BEE
stinger hanging to it.—The Com-
monwealth.

Yes it was a sudden drop, which
electrified the entire colored popu-
lation. There will be another fall
in a few weeks. Rhode Island de-
mands it.—Listen.

The Catalogue of the first In-
dustrial Exposition, by the citi-
zens of this city, held under the
auspices of the Masonic Fraternity
in September 1886 has just been
compiled by Mr. F. G. Bar-
badoes. It reflects great credit
on these gentlemen who were so
instrumental in bringing the
affair about. S. Rodger Watts,
M. D., was the president, W. H.
Meyers, financial secretary, J. F.
Cook, treasurer and Solomon G.
Brown, General Director. No
person should be without this ex-
cellent catalogue.

Nelson is one of those erratic
cranks.—WASHINGTON BEE.

W. Calvin Chase, is considered in
this part of the country as being
one of the most skillful acrobats of
the Negro press editors. He is by
nature long and thin, when seen in
one of his arena fetes, one can-
not but admire his wonderful tum-
blings at times.—Freeman's Jour-
nal.

One thing we can say and that is
we can remain at home and de-
nounce the outrages perpetrated
against the Negro, while the pious
editor of the Journal skips to
Washington occasionally asking for
aid from republican members of
congress. Wise men tumble when-
ever it is necessary, but when fools
tumble they break their necks. Nel-
son is one of those fools.

Mr. Chase you are a dandy.—
you deserve credit if you are as
ugly as home made sin. Every
body feels good over your success-
ful and skillful annihilation of that
old lady Henry Johnson. It seems
as tho' you stung the critter A-
TWIXT the fifth and fourteenth
ribs. Let us hear more about this
year affair. Billy here's our
We are with you.—The Commu-
wealth.

It was for the good of the schools
that Col. Webb made a change,
and the Commonwealth in common
with the colored population can re-
joice over the change and con-
gratulate Col. Webb, who is an

honest and upright man. We are
pleased to know that our able con-
temporary takes sides with the
people and offers its hand to the
BEE. Since we are both working
for the success and prosperity of
the people against the assaults of
the enemy, and, for years we have
been opposed to each other, we
cannot refuse to accept the hand
that you offer—we therefore throw
down the gauntlet, and extend the
hand of fellowship.



Men of Mark, a book by Rev.
W. J. Simmons is out. No fam-
ily should be without it. It con-
tains portraits of over 100 repre-
sentative colored men.

OUR HIGH SCHOOL.

We now hope to see our High
school reorganized and placed
upon a higher and systematic ba-
sis. We have got the talent and
what is now needed is for that
talent to be developed in the
right direction. The people ex-
pect to hear good results and it is
hoped that their expectations will
not be blighted.

THE 15TH STREET PRESBY- TERIAN CHURCH.

A proposition has been made to the
trustees of the 15th St. Presby-
terian church for the purchase of
that edifice. The sum that has
been offered is \$50,000. That
amount is not sufficient. If a
reasonable sum is offered, say
about 80 or 90 thousand dollars it
would be an inducement for the
congregation to sell. Otherwise
we would advise the trustees and
members not to sell. From the
start we did not favor the sale of
the church at any price. For the
amount of money we have sug-
gested would enable the congrega-
tion to build a fine structure in
a vicinity equally as popular as
the one in which the church is
now situated. As a matter of fact,
there are but a few members who
have kept the church up anyway,
while others have had a great deal
to say but pay no money. Let it
go at 80 or 90 thousand.

MR. DOUGLASS' BANQUET.

The greatest surprise that met
the eyes of Mr. Douglass last week
after having been greeted by 2000
people, was the 'slimly attended
and poorly arranged banquet that
was held in the basement of the
Metropolitan church. The supper
was served by Mr. Levi Cromwell
of Philadelphia, we are told, as
there were no caterers in this city
who could serve the supper as
well as Mr. Cromwell. Not even
Mr. John A. Gray or Mr. Jas. L.
Thomas who have served the
largest dinners and suppers of any
men in the country. Those who
took part in the banquet were
taxed three dollars a plate. The
menu was as follows: Oysters raw
on shell, mock turtle, salmon, lob-
ster sauce, croquettes and broiled
oysters, deviled crabs, chicken
salad and fried oysters, tomato
salad and crackers, ice cream, as-
sorted cakes and crackers and ice
water. This is what we call a
cold banquet and even Mr. Doug-
lass was compelled to leave before
he was sufficiently served.

Although three dollars was paid
by those who attended the ban-
quet, the committee is still in
debt and an additional tax of one
dollar is to be made, we under-
stand. If the committee would only
hand us over the additional
amount to be collected we assure
them that we will show some-
thing for it.

ETERNAL VIGILANCE.

Nothing was dearer to the Roman
people than eternal vigilance. It
was that which made Caesar mas-
ter of the world, it was that which
led Cicero to the discovery of the
Cataline conspiracy and the over-
throw of one of the most profligate
and arch traitors known to an-
tiquity; it was eternal vigilance that
emancipated over four millions of
slaves, and placed America upon a
sure and substantial foundation,
which to-day is one of the most
prosperous countries on the globe.
While America has the name of
being a republican form of govern-
ment it lacks many principles be-
fore it will be one in fact. A gov-
ernment which is powerless to pro-
tect all of its citizens in their civil
and political rights falls short of
being a government of, for and by
the people. Our American laws
are defective, they are construed in

certain sections of the country to
suit certain people to the detriment
of a class that is characterized as
inferior.

There must be a change in the
body-politic, and a new party must
be born before all citizens will be
placed upon an equal footing. The
ostracized race must embrace every
opportunity that tends to its ele-
vation and recognition of every
constitutional right. The Ameri-
can constitution was formed to
suit the convenience of a past age,
and were it not so, the 13, 14 and
15 amendments to it would have
been unnecessary. These amend-
ments had to be added to protect a
certain class, and a portion of
which have been declared unconsti-
tutional by the Supreme Court,
thus leaving it to the states to set-
tle all questions pertaining to the
rights and liberties of a certain
class of citizens for which they
were adopted. It is indeed strange
that certain white citizens can be
protected against the insurrections
of the Indians by a proclamation of
the chief executive and the same
executive is powerless to protect a
civilized class of citizens against
the outrages perpetrated upon
them by another class. When it
comes to protect a Negro in his po-
litical rights there is no law in the
statute books applicable to reach
his case. The constitution is not
only defective but powerless to a
certain extent. In many instances
the government has played the
part of a coward, especially in its
dealings with foreign powers. It
has allowed her ships to be seized,
and American citizens to be killed
and arrested without demanding or
forcing an apology from the offend-
ing foreign power. Our navy is a
farce and the army could be sent to
the smallest foreign government on
the globe. We meddle too much with
England and Ireland's home rule
policy. It is as much as we can do
to attend to the enemies within our
own country, without interfering
with Great Britain. The Negroes
in the South need all the protection
that their government can give them.
There are traitors within our
own household, and thieves who
daily scheme to overthrow our gov-
ernment, but it seems as if we dis-
regard the warnings and seek to
protect those who have no more
interest in the prosperity of our
government than the potent power
of Russia.

OUR WEEKLY REVIEW.

BLAINE AND CLEVELAND. WILL FRED.
GRANT BE ELECTED? HIS ELECTION
MEANS HIS NOMINATION FOR THE
PRESIDENCY IN '88. A COLORED
POLICEMAN KILLED IN TEXAS. DU-
TY OF OUR DISTRICT MILITIA IN
THE FUTURE GEN. ORDWAY AND
HIS STAFF.

It is said that it will be neces-
sary to renominate Mr. Cleveland
as it is an undeniable fact that Mr.
Blaine will be the nominee
of the republican party. If Mr.
Blaine is renominated it will be
the duty of the National republi-
can committee to harmonize the
defective element in the party. We
are inclined to believe that Mr.
Blaine will, if nominated and
elected, disappoint us all. This is
only a conjecture. If Mr. Blaine
finds that his renomination will
be inimical to the success of the
republican party he should decline
to allow his name to go before
the convention. While an attempt
is made on the part of the demo-
cratic politicians to cover over the
disagreement between the Presi-
dent and Governor Hill of New
York, there is an inclination on
the part of the democracy to force
Mr. Hill on the convention. Every
indication shows that Gov. Hill
will be a candidate for the presi-
dency. How the colored voters of
New York will act toward

COL. FRED. GRANT

the Negro hater of West Point,
we unable to say. If Fred. Grant
conceived a dislike for the Negro
at West Point and declared that
none should graduate while he
was a Cadet there, is it not natu-
ral for him to entertain the same
feeling toward him now? Has he
manifested any change? He is
the same Fred. Grant who ex-
pects to be elected Secretary of
the State of New York on the
name of his illustrious father. It
has been remarked that Grants
election means his nomination for
President in '88. If nominated
we are of the opinion that there
would be no show for his election.
It can be seen by an article clip-
ped from the Texas Freeman's Jour-
nal that no Negroes are killed in
Texas. Last winter a man, whose
name we don't know, with a dele-
gation of colored men were in this
city, refugees from Texas, who
swore before the Senate commit-
tee on privileges and elections
that Negroes were butchered by

the wholesale in the state. A
few months ago Bishop H. M.
Turner was stoned by a mob and
was compelled to flee for his life.
Who is the liar, Nelson or these
reputable gentlemen. So far as we
are concerned we would rather
believe the biggest liar in Texas
than to believe one word Nelson
says. We know you Nelson and
if you are as well known in Tex-
as as you are here we can't see
how respectable people can toler-
ate you. The best evidence in
the world that Nelson is a liar is
the testimony of three white and
colored republicans before the Sen-
ate committee and the recent kill-
ing of a colored policeman at
Houston. If these hoodlums dis-
regard the officers of the law it is
plain that the republican Negroes
stand a poor show. It is hoped
that

OUR DIST. COLORED MILITIA

will learn a lesson from past ex-
periences. It is indeed necessary
that our District militia should be
united and work in harmony with
each other. As an evidence of
our sincerity in the matter, we
propose a complimentary reunion
of all the colored militia in this
city at such a time and place as
may be agreed upon by the officers
of the several organizations. Let
this reunion be known as the
BEE's grand Complimentary bene-
fit to the colored militia of the
District. Our propositions are,
1st, the proceeds of the reunion
be divided between the several
organizations as follows: The
organization selling the highest
number of tickets over 500 will
receive a stand of colors and the
remainder of the net proceeds to
be divided equally among the or-
ganizations. Will Col. Revells,
Majors Fleetwood, Fisher and
others agree to our proposition?
Our object is to bring the District
militia upon a more friendly re-
lationship and at the same time
be benefited.

GENL. ORDWAY

the commander of the District
National Guards has not found
a competent Negro to go on his
staff. The Governor of Pennsylv-
vania has a colored man on his
staff and even have colored officers
commanding white companies and
colored men in white companies.
Let the District National Guards
be abolished and reorganized.
We hope that our colored com-
panies in the future will stop escort-
ing these white companies to the
depot. There is popular feeling of
indignation among the people and
universal approval of our sugges-
tions in this direction.

LOOK ON THIS PICTURE NELSON.

THE editor of the Galveston Texas,
FREEMAN'S JOURNAL, is in a place
where immorality reigns supreme,
and where Negroes are butchered
by the dozen. Strange to say that
the good people of Texas refuse to
express their disapproval of such
outrages.—WASHINGTON BEE.

The editor certainly shows his un-
pardonable ignorance when he says
that "Negroes are butchered by the
dozen" in Galveston; and every
reading person will laugh at his un-
informed mind.

LOOK ON THIS NELSON.

TEXAS IS TEXAS, ALTHOUGH IT MAY
HAVE A GALVESTON OR A HOUS-
TON.

A BLACK RIOT.

HOUSTON, Tex., Sept. 26.—Word
was brought in last evening that
an insurrection was imminent a-
mong the blacks in Matagorda
County. The Sheriff of Matagorda
County sent a courier to Sheriff
Hickley, of Brazoria County, ask-
ing for immediate assistance to put
down an insurrection.

The courier states that over 200
negroes were under arms in Mat-
agorda and that the excitement
among the whites was very great.

The trouble arose over an at-
tempt of a colored constable to ar-
rest a white man who resided on
Caney Creek. The constable was
found dead, lying in the water of
the creek, and the negroes believe
that he was murdered by white
men of the vicinity because he had
a warrant for one of their number.

Later reports last night stated
that Sheriff Hickley had raised a
posse of fifty mounted white men
and started for Matagorda, while
the Sheriff of Matagorda County
was en route to the scene of the
trouble with 100 mounted men.

At noon to-day the alarming re-
port reached this city that the
Sheriff's forces have arrived and

active hostilities begun. The ne-
groes has been largely reinforced.
The Houston Light Guards have
just received orders to leave on a
special train for the town of Colum-
bia, Brazoria County.

THE SCHOOL BOARD MEET- ING.

STANDING COMMITTEES APPOINTED—
TEACHERS AND JANITORS—SALARIES
OF PRINCIPALS—OTHER MATTERS.

An adjourned meeting of the
board of trustees of public schools
was held last Friday. The president
Mr. Ross, announced the following
standing committees: Rules—
Messrs. Ross, Darlington, Francis;
ways and means, supplies and ac-
count: Messrs. Whelpley, Fish,
Cornish; buildings, repairs and fur-
niture: Messrs. Cornish, Witmer,
Ross; Normal and High School's:
Messrs. Darlington, Curtis, Francis
teachers and janitors: Messrs.
Gregory, Witmer, Whelpley; text,
books, studies examinations, pro-
motions and scholarship, Messrs.
Fish, Curtis, Gregory; penmanship
and music, Messrs. Francis, Whel-
pley, Ross; industrial education
and drawing, Messrs. Curtis, Fish
Cornish; library and an annual report
Messrs. Witmer, Darlington,
and Gregory.

Mr. Curtis nominated the fol-
lowing janitors: Dickson building,
C. W. Harding; Gardner building
Rebecca Suttou; Congress Street
building, Ezekiah Turner. These
nominations were confirmed.

Mr. Ross submitted for appoint-
ment as substitute teachers in the
second division the following
names: Miss Katie Shermerhorn,
Miss A. K. Keyser, Miss Blanche
Smith, Miss Jannie Donoran, Miss
Florence Ball.

Dr. Francis nominated M. C.
Baker as substitute teacher for the
seventh district.

These nominations were confirm-
ed, subject to rule 20, which
provides that all appointments of sub-
stitute and temporary teachers
shall be made from certificate hold-
ers, and in the order of excellence
so long as there shall be unem-
ployed certificate holders available
for the purpose.

THE ESTIMATES NOT READY.

Mr. Fish, from the committee
on ways and means, stated that the
committee had not been able to
submit the estimates, as they had
expected to do, owing to the fact
that Mr. Cook, the Superintendent
of the colored schools, had not
prepared his figures. He would
suggest that the board adjourn,
subject to the call of the president
and it would be the endeavor to
have the estimates ready as soon
as possible.

Prof. Gregory offered the fol-
lowing:

"Resolved, That the principals of
school buildings in the county
who have taught successfully for
five years or more shall receive
\$1,200 a year, and all other prin-
cials shall receive, for the first
year, \$900; second year, \$950;
third year \$1,000; fourth year \$1,
100, fifth year \$1,200.

"Resolved, That those teachers in
charge of buildings which contain
ix or more rooms shall be design-
ated principals, and also all other
teachers who have charge of two
room buildings and teach the
eighth grade."

Prof. Gregory said that it was
very important matter to regulate
the pay of principals in the county
so that they would be more on an
equality with the principals in the
city. As it was now the tendency
was to look forward to an appoint-
ment in the city, where the pay is
higher. The resolution was refer-
red to the committee on ways and
means. Mr. Cornish presented a
petition from the trustees of the Re-
hoboth church, where a school was lo-
cated asking the approval of the
board in their dismissal of the jan-
itor and the appointment of a new
janitor. The new janitor was stated
to be N. Janifer, and this appoint-
ment was confirmed. Mr. Dar-
lington from the High school com-
mittee, said that the attendance
exceeded the capacity, and he
moved that the principal be author-
ized to hold half day schools.

Mr. Fish ask if some were not
attending this school who had no
right to do so. He referred to
post graduates. Mr. Darlington
said that there were no pupils of
this class now in the school.

The motion was adopted.

Prof. Gregory presented the re-
port of the teachers' committee, re-
commending the following promo-
tions in the first division. Miss
McGill to class 12, Miss McMahon
to class 9, Miss Fuller to class 10
Miss Lovejoy to class 7, Miss

Scannell to class 7. In the third
division: Miss Tindle to class 9,
Miss Dalton to class 8, reduced
Miss Jenkins to class 7. In the
sixth division: Miss Clancy to
class 6. The board then adjourned.

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